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U.S. Representative

***John Spratt***

South Carolina # 5th District

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## **Spratt Announces “COPS” Grant for Newberry**

**WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that the Newberry Police Department has won a \$58,593 grant from the Justice Department to enhance the city’s law enforcement efforts.**

“This grant helps the Newberry Police Department buy some of the latest equipment and technology,” said Spratt, “with the goal of reducing clerical tasks and putting more officers on the beat. I was delighted to see Newberry compete for and win the grant.”

Spratt said the award funds up to 75% of the cost of technologies such as mobile computers, automated booking systems, automated fingerprint systems, computer-assisted dispatch systems, records management systems, and crime analysis hardware and software.

The grant is awarded through the Justice Department’s “COPS” program – Community Oriented Policing Services. The program, which Spratt strongly supports, has resulted in the hiring of over 100 community police officers in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

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